Leicester, Mar. 27/61

Dear Burleigh —

Whipple sends me y^r. 2 notes, of 19th & 25th, which reached him together, as did also 2 parcels ~~of~~ Mss. — Let me ask you hereafter to send by Mail or Express (the latter better, as it can be paid by Wallace on delivery). In a matter of this importance, it is incurring too much risk to send by a friend, who feels no special obligation to be prompt.

As to the Index, no one can do it so correctly and properly as you; but you need take no present thought about it. Copies enough for Annual Meeting can be bound up without an Index, if that cannot be got ready in season, and the balance

await your greater leisure.

I can't account for it that no Proof has been sent to you, but have written to Prentiss & Deland about it, and you will I trust very soon receive an instalment. The word wanted is (or should be, rather) on the 1st page, & a very few lines from commencement.

I went to see Prentiss, a week since, specially as to sending proof to you.

I will see that the usual matter is provided, under the head of Society's Operations:- Agents, Publications, &c.

I will take no more of your precious time, but to say

Sincerely yr. friend

S. May Jr.

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